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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg announced the federal Grand Jury for the District of Nebraska has returned 20 indictments charging 27 defendants. Indictments are charging documents that contain one or more individual counts that are merely accusations, and every defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty. If you need additional information on any of the following indictments, please telephone Deborah R. Gilg, or in her absence, Criminal Chief, Jan Sharp, at (402) 661-3700.

- * **Lathan M. Bills**, age 19, is charged in a two-count indictment. Count I alleges that on or about February 6, 2011, Bills broke into a residence in Walthill, Nebraska, with the intent to steal electronic equipment and other property. The maximum penalty includes imprisonment of 20 years, a fine of \$250,000, 3 years supervised release, and a special assessment of \$100. Count II of the indictment charges Bills with Third Degree Assault on a Peace Officer on or about February 6, 2011. Bills resisted arrest by driving a truck at a Thurston County Deputy Sheriff, causing the Deputy to jump out of the way of the oncoming truck. The maximum penalty includes imprisonment of 20 years, a fine of \$250,000, 3 years supervised release, and a special assessment of \$100.

- * **Russell Furby**, age 44, of Tioga, North Dakota, is charged in a one-count indictment. Count I alleges that on or about November 11, 2008, Furby made false statements under penalty of perjury in his Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Case. The maximum possible penalty if convicted, includes imprisonment of 5 years, a fine of \$250,000, a 3 year term of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment.
- * **Anthony Gutierrez**, age 34, of Omaha, was charged with distributing 5 grams or more of actual methamphetamine on or about July 30, 2010. The maximum possible penalty includes imprisonment of not less than 5 years and up to 40 years, a \$2 million fine, a 5 year term of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment.
- * **Jose Luis Hernandez-Herrera**, age 37, is charged with illegal reentry into the United States on or about January 18, 2011, following deportation as a felon. The maximum possible penalty is imprisonment for 10 years, a \$250,000 fine, a 3 year term of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment.
- * **Dona J. Jameson**, age 69, of North Platte, Nebraska, is charged with social security fraud beginning on or about July 18, 1995, and continuing without interruption until on or about April 1, 2010. Jameson represented her age to be approximately 20 years older than her correct age. This caused Jameson to receive Social Security retirement benefits sooner and in greater monthly amounts than she was entitled to receive. The maximum possible penalty includes imprisonment of 5 years, a fine of \$250,000, 3 years of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment. Count II alleges that beginning on or about July 18, 1995, and continuing without interruption until in or around September, 2010, Jameson stole money from the Social Security Administration, namely Social

Security Retirement Insurance Benefits payments made to her to which she knew she was not entitled. The maximum penalty for this count includes 10 years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, 3 years of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment.

- * **Emmanuel Macheik**, age 22, of Omaha, is charged in a two-count indictment. Count I of the indictment alleges that on or about November 26, 2010, Macheik did falsely make and counterfeit obligations of the United States. The maximum possible penalty is imprisonment of 20 years, a \$250,000 fine, a 3 year term of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment. Count II of the indictment alleges that on or about November 26, 2010, Macheik passed counterfeited obligations of the United States. The maximum possible penalty is imprisonment of 20 years, a \$250,000 fine, a 3 year term of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment.
- * **Ricardo Marquez-Mendez**, age 41, is charged with illegal reentry into the United States on or about March 3, 2011, after being deported following conviction for an aggravated felony. The maximum possible penalty if convicted, includes imprisonment of 20 years, a fine of \$250,000, followed by 3 years of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment.
- * **Jerod J. Oliverius**, age 22, of Lincoln, is charged in the first count of an indictment with receipt and distribution of child pornography from at least on or about March 20, 2010, and continuing to on or about January 23, 2011. If convicted, the maximum possible penalty includes imprisonment of not less than 5 years or more than 20 years, a fine of \$250,000, supervised release for life, and a \$100 special assessment. Oliverius is charged in Count II with possession of child pornography from on or about March 20, 2010. The

maximum possible penalty for this count includes imprisonment of 10 years, a \$250,000 fine, supervised release for life, and a \$100 special assessment. The indictment also alleges property used or intended to be used as part of this violation should be forfeited to the United States.

- * **Eric Antonio Ortiz-Bonilla**, age 29, of Grand Island, is charged with illegal reentry into the United States on or about February 3, 2011, following deportation as a felon. The maximum possible penalty is imprisonment for 10 years, a \$250,000 fine, a 3 year term of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment.
- * **Victor Ramirez**, also known as Poncho, age 42, and **Jesus Cadenas-Geronimo**, age 22, both of Omaha, were charged in a four count indictment. Count I alleges that from an unknown date but at least as early as July, 2010, and continuing through on or about February 10, 2011, the defendants conspired together and with others to distribute and possess with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine. The maximum possible penalty includes imprisonment of not less than 5 years and up to 40 years, a \$2 million fine, a 5 year term of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment. Counts II through IV allege that on or about January 25, February 7, and February 10, 2011, the defendants distributed a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine. The maximum possible penalty for each count includes imprisonment of up to 20 years, a \$1 million fine, a 5 year term of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment.
- * **Angela Richardson**, also known as Angela Williams, age 36, of Omaha, is charged in a six-count indictment. Count I of the indictment alleges that on or about September 30,

2008, Richardson made false statements under penalty of perjury in her Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Case. Richardson stated she had no government assistance when, in fact, she received monthly food stamp benefits through the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services since at least January of 2006. The maximum possible penalty includes imprisonment of 5 years, a fine of \$250,000, a 3 year term of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment. Counts II through VI allege that on or about May 30, 2006; December 4, 2006; August 3, 2007; October 5, 2007; and May 13, 2008, respectively, Richardson provided false statements to the Nebraska Health and Human Services System. It is alleged Richardson provided false statements on her Applications for Assistance to maximize the amount of food stamps benefits she could receive. The maximum penalty for each of these counts include 5 years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, 3 years of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment.

- * **Charles Lee Rockwood**, age 38, of Omaha, is charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm on or about January 25, 2011. Rockwood was convicted in 2002 of possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance, which is a felony. The maximum possible penalty includes imprisonment of 10 years, a \$250,000 fine, 3 years of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment.
- * **Daniel Roman-Garcia**, age 19, of Aurora, Colorado, **Jesus Israel Lopez-Rodriguez**, age 36, **Bernardo Rodriguez-Favela**, age 36, and **Severo Beltran-Nunez**, age 21, were charged with conspiring together and with others to distribute and possess with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, beginning from an unknown date but at least as early as on or about

March 5, 2011, and continuing through on or about March 7, 2011. The maximum possible penalty includes imprisonment of not less than 10 years and up to life, a \$10 million fine, a 5 year term of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment.

* **Rafael Rosales-Martinez**, age 23, of Los Angeles, California, is charged with illegal reentry into the United States on or before March 16, 2011, after deportation or removal. The maximum possible penalty includes imprisonment of 2 years, a \$250,000 fine, 1 year of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment.

* **Alan Mark Sharples**, age 25, of Creighton, Nebraska, **Jairo Alvarado-Refugio**, age 26, of Clarkson, Nebraska, **Alberto Villalba-Lopez**, age 33, of West Point, Nebraska, and **Isaac Alvarado-Refugio**, age 25, were charged in an eight count indictment. Count I alleges that beginning on or about January 1, 2011, and continuing to on or about March 1, 2011, the defendants conspired together and with others to distribute and possess with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of actual methamphetamine. The maximum possible penalty includes imprisonment of not less than 10 years and up to life, a \$10 million fine, a 5 year term of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment. Counts II and III allege that on or about January 5, and January 11, 2011, Alan Mark Sharples and Isaac Alvarado-Refugio distributed 5 grams or more of actual methamphetamine. The maximum possible penalty for each count includes imprisonment of not less than 5 years and up to 40 years, a \$2 million fine, a 5 year term of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment. Count IV alleges that on or about February 9, 2011, Alan Mark Sharples and Jairo Alvarado-Refugio distributed 5 grams or more of actual methamphetamine. The maximum possible penalty includes

imprisonment of not less than 5 years and up to 40 years, a \$2 million fine, a 5 year term of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment. Count V alleges that on or about February 28, 2011, Alan Mark Sharples and Jairo Alvarado-Refugio distributed less than 50 grams of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine. The maximum possible penalty includes imprisonment of up to 20 years, a \$1 million fine, a 5 year term of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment. Count VI alleges that on or about March 1, 2010, Alan Mark Sharples and Jairo Alvarado-Refugio distributed 50 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine. The maximum possible penalty includes imprisonment of not less than 5 years and up to 40 years, a \$2 million fine, a 5 year term of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment. Count VII alleges that on or about March 1, 2011, Jairo Alvarado-Refugio used and carried a firearm, during and in relation and in furtherance of Counts I and VI, to wit: a Beretta, 9 mm caliber semi-auto pistol. The maximum possible penalty includes imprisonment of not less than 5 years, to be served consecutive to any other sentenced imposed, a \$250,000 fine, a five year term of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment. Count VIII alleges that on or about March 1, 2011 Jairo Alvarado-Refugio possessed with intent to distribute less than 50 grams of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine. The maximum possible penalty for each count includes imprisonment of up to 20 years, a \$1 million fine, a 5 year term of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment.

* **Jose Soto-Arellanes**, age 29, is charged with illegal reentry into the United States on or before December 17, 2010, after deportation or removal. The maximum possible penalty

if convicted includes imprisonment of 2 years, a \$250,000 fine, 1 year of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment.

- * **Alissa Ann Thomas**, age 41, of the Santee Indian Reservation, was charged in a four count indictment with distributing less than 40 grams of a substance containing a detectable amount of fentanyl on or about January 14, January 15, February 6, and February 18, 2010. The maximum possible penalty for each count includes imprisonment of up to 20 years, a \$1 million fine, a 5 year term of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment.
- * **Brian Trotter**, also known as Insane, age 23, is charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm, to wit: a Ruger KP91D s-auto .40 cal-P, a Colt Delta Elite 10 mm P, a Lorcin L-380, .380 caliber, and an H&K 94 9mm-R 9mm-SMG, on or about March 7, 2011. The maximum possible penalty includes imprisonment of 10 years, a \$250,000 fine, a 3 year term of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment.
- * **Luis Vazquez** also known as Luis Vasquez, age 49, of Sutton, Nebraska, is charged in a three-count indictment. Counts I through III allege that on or about July 25, 2009; October 10, 2009; and July 17, 2010; respectively, Vazquez provided a false Social Security Number on vehicle loan applications. The maximum penalty for these counts include imprisonment of 5 years, a fine of \$250,000, 3 years of supervised release, and a special assessment of \$100.
- * **Pimenio Vela Herrera**, also known as Manuel Herrera, age 38, of Alliance, Nebraska, was charged with conspiring with others to attempt to manufacture and manufacture a substance containing 5 grams or more of actual methamphetamine, from on or about

September 2009, through on or about September 24, 2010. The maximum possible penalty includes imprisonment of not less than 5 years and up to 40 years, a \$5 million fine, a 5 year term of supervised release and a \$100 special assessment.